



Your weekly news from ...

## First Presbyterian Church St. Petersburg

April 12, 2019

### This Sunday at FPC *Palm Sunday*

#### Worship Service:

- 10 a.m. Blended Palm Sunday Service, Sanctuary
- Special music featuring Todd Donovan singing "The Holy City" and music by the Day School and Children's Choirs

Pastor Dawn's sermon for this Sunday is "Great Expectations" [Psalm 118:1-2,19-29](#) and [Luke 19:28-40](#)

[Click here](#) for Sunday's bulletin and announcements.

**Parking information:** Tour de Cure, a combination bicycle & run/walk event, will occur Sunday, April 14 in downtown St. Pete. Access to the church's back parking lot will be permitted via a cone line along the west side of North Shore Drive. Drivers should let officers know they are parking to go to church, and they will allow passage.



### Tomorrow, Saturday April 13, 10 a.m.

Bring your children and friends for one of the biggest Easter Egg hunts you will ever attend. There will be games, an inflatable slide, crafts, and food. See you at the front of the church on the corner of Beach Drive and 7th Avenue.

Volunteer to help by contacting Carol Riley at [criley@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:criley@fpc-stpete.org).

*One Worship Service*  
**Palm Sunday & Dedication Sunday**  
April 14, 10 a.m.



This worship service will be special for many reasons. We will be celebrating the beginning of Holy Week by remembering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with the waving of palm branches. The Children's Choir and the Day School children will be singing, and baritone Todd Donovan will present a special solo arrangement of "The Holy City." Please remember to bring your 2019/20 pledge cards to worship if you have not already turned in your pledge. You may also pledge online at [www.fpcstpete.org/pledge](http://www.fpcstpete.org/pledge).



Finally, we will be recognizing and honoring Carol Riley, Director of Children's Ministry, for her four years of service to First Pres. Carol has worn many hats in this role. She has facilitated and staffed our Sunday School, Godly Play, Vacation Bible School, Messy Church, as well as special events including the live nativity, Trunk or Treat, Eggstravaganza, not to mention parking endless cars to raise extra funds for Cedarkirk scholarships and other programs! Although she has decided to retire as Director of Children's Ministry, we are blessed that Carol will continue to teach part-time in the Day School. We truly thank Carol for her years of creative and faithful service. And we are thankful for the wonderful memories we will make with her for years to come.

You are invited to greet Carol on April 14 and add your own expressions of gratitude to the card that will be provided at the end of the worship service.

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## An Important Note From The Pastor

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## From The Finance Committee

When you look at the Annual Report or attend a committee meeting, do you find FPC's budget confusing? You're not alone. The budget at First Presbyterian Church or any church, for that matter, can be very complicated. In an effort to help everyone better understand the various components and the financial management behind them, the Finance Committee will publish a four-part series of short articles. This first article addresses the basics of Permanently Restricted Funds/Endowment. [Click here.](#)

Subsequent articles will focus on Pledge/Non-Pledge Offerings, the Operating Budget/Temporarily Restricted Funds and Fixed Expenses.

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## Maundy Thursday

Join us in the Fellowship Hall, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. when we will observe a special communion service as well as foot-washing to remember what Jesus did with his disciples before his crucifixion. The Praise Band will lead us in music and worship.

## Good Friday

Join us on Good Friday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for the Good Friday Tenebrae Service. This is a service that makes use of gradual diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of the week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial. The Chancel Choir will lead the service in music.

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**Easter Lilies**

Share Easter's beauty by sponsoring a lily to be used as part of the Easter worship service in the Sanctuary, the Chapel or the Fellowship Hall. These traditional symbols of Easter can be given in memory of a loved one or to honor friends and family. To order [click here](#).



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## I Wish The Pastor Would Talk About...

Let us hear from you, [click here](#).

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## Save Vacation Bible School - Volunteer

We need volunteers before First Pres can offer Vacation Bible School this summer!

Although staff from Camp Cedarkirk is available to assist with leading music, games, teaching stories, and teaching crafts, we need volunteers from our church to support their efforts. For more information, [click](#)

[here](#).

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## All Church Retreat -- Grow Your Faith!

All are welcomed and encouraged to attend this retreat, held at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center, April 27 - 28. For more information, contact Kathy Bardin, (727) 418-4577, or email [stpetebardin@gmail.com](mailto:stpetebardin@gmail.com)

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## Day School Celebrates 50th Anniversary

With a theme of "Peace, Love & Preschool," the Day School will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 4. Family and friends of alumnae and current students, current and former staff, and church members are invited. For [more information](#).

## "Summer Explorers Club" Camp

Register Now! Please complete the [Registration Form](#) and deliver it to the Day School Office with a check made payable to "FPDS."

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## Calendar at a Glance

[Click here](#) to view the full church calendar online.

### Coming up in April

- [Click here](#) for April Child Care Calendar
- **Tuesdays thru May 7th** - [GriefShare Support Group](#), 10 a.m., Chapel
- **April 13** - Eggstravaganza, 10:00 a.m.
- **April 14** - Palm Sunday Combined Service at 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
- **April 14** - Yoga With Adam, 3 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- **April 16** - Meditation For Christians, 7 p.m., Chapel
- **April 16 - May 21** - Women's Bible Study, "One In A Million," Tuesdays, 9:15 a.m. or 6:30 p.m., Youth Center
- **April 18** - Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall

- **April 19** - Good Friday Tennebrae Service, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- **April 21** - Easter
- **April 27-28** - Cedarkirk Churchwide Retreat
- **April 28** - One Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- **April 30** - Meditation For Christians, 7 p.m., Chapel

### Coming up in May

- **May 3** - Day School Art Show, Fellowship Hall
- **May 4** - Day School 50th Anniversary Celebration
- **May 14 & 28** - Meditation For Christians, 7 p.m., Chapel
- **May 19.**- Yoga With Adam, 3 p.m., Fellowship Hall

### Coming up in June

- **June 9-16** - Honduras Mission Trip. Contact [Susan Schlecht](#) for details.
- **June 11 & 25** - Meditation for Christians, 7 p.m., Chapel

**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLINE**

Items for "First News" should be submitted as early as possible with a cut-off for any Friday's "First News" being end of day the Tuesday before publication. Send copy to both [Mary Johnson](#) and [Diedra Flora](#) .

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